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Soon, predicts a Cornell professor, children will quit being born. All the children we know have done so already.

The duke of Abruzzi is to try Alpine climbing. He is determined to get to the top of some of his mountains of difficulty.

England shows its good manners and good sense in not getting excited over those alleged interviews with the German emperor.

Both England and Germany would sleep better on dark nights if they would generate a little more of the spirit of brotherly love.

Mr. Hammerstein says "a theatrical man can't be a pinhole husband." Which would doubtless be interesting information if we could translate it.

Lord Roberts has grown so nervous over the aggressive curl of Emperor William's mustaches that he demands for England an army of 1,000,000 men.

A St. Louis justice became very indignant when a bridegroom offered him a drink after the ceremony. The customary fee will buy several drinks.

Sir Theodore Martin, the doyen of English literature, recently celebrated the ninety-second anniversary of his birthday at his Welsh home, Bryntisilio, Llangollen.

A powder firm in Cologne refused to fill an order from Roumania on account of previous large orders from other Balkan states. Naturally, a Cologne firm would be able at first sight to scent war trouble.

Mr. Rockefeller has just drawn his check in favor of Richmond college, Richmond, Va., for \$150,000. Another item added to the cumulative evidence that he really has some other business besides that of making money.

A society in Norway has concluded an agreement to work Dr. de Sava's patents for making metallic zinc out of low-grade ores. At first about 50 tons of metallic zinc and about one ton of metallic lead, as well as a little copper and silver, will be treated each day.

Mrs. Charles Brodie Patterson, a student of longevity, announces that it is possible for a man to live forever. Precisely. Not only "a man," but all men live forever, although they cannot remember this earth, which is rather limited in its standing capacity. Man has to move up to give other fellows a chance here below.

An attempt is making in New York to limit the height of buildings in that city to 350 feet. It is urged that the higher buildings, those of five or six hundred feet, are a menace to the health of the people as well as dangerous in case of fire. In Boston and in Washington a much lower limit has been established by law.

The divorce statistics just published emphasize again the need of a uniform national divorce law as the only means by which the evil can be kept in check. As a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, neither is divorce in the union more difficult than in the state with the most lax laws. There is no use in passing a restrictive law in one state which can be nullified at individual pleasure in another.

Mr. Powderly, after investigation, declares there are few men in the New York "bread line" who want to work. He suggests state farms. Good, as far as it goes. But many of these men would be of no use on any kind of a farm. Some are better adapted to building roads. The plan of Orlando F. Lewis for employment stations is more comprehensive and more practical, thinks the Pittsburg Dispatch.

A British peer advocates temporary confiscation of a car for automobile speeding. The remedy is, in the opinion of the Baltimore American, rather drastic, but it is evident from the increasing number of accidents and the disregard for life and limb manifested by the speed maniacs that something must be done in the way of punitive legislation. The present system of fines is wholly inadequate; in fact, they constitute but the smallest part of the running expenses of motoring, and plainly are so regarded.

The navy department wants a wireless telephone plant established in Washington for its use. If the system is sufficiently practical to be in such demand it will soon be in general use and vocal messages will be floating through the air in every direction. But where is the sound while the message is on its travel? The query suggests the old problem: If a tree falls in the middle of a forest where no man can hear it, is there any noise from the crash?

Wilbur Wright is going after a \$15,000 prize in a French aeroplane race next month, although he knows perfectly well how the French aeroplanists hate to lose the money.

What satirist of society has done such a sketch of degenerate aristocracy as is drawn of themselves by the French princelings in the court proceedings for the possession of an American girl's fortune? Is the bauble for which American heiresses barter themselves to titled rakes worth the incumbrance? asks the New York World.

## BATTLE WITH REDS

RUSSIAN REVOLUTIONISTS AT-TACK THE SECRET POLICE.

### COMPANY OF MILITIA ORDERED OUT

Many Lives Are Lost on Both Sides In Elk Island Riots.—Chief of Police Slain.

Moscow, Russia.—A number of policemen, including Baron Cotte, chief of the secret political police, and Col. Muraki, were killed Saturday in a clash with revolutionists in a villa near this city.

Troops are now on the scene.

Only meager accounts of the fighting have been received here and the exact casualties are unknown. It is known that several revolutionists have been killed. The villa where the fighting took place is on Elk Island in the river near Moscow, and was the scene of a secret meeting of revolutionists, which police tried to break up. The revolutionists fired on the police from barricaded windows.

Hastily retreating, the police sent in a call for a company of infantry. When this arrived another advance on the villa was made, the revolutionists again opening a deadly fire, in which Cotte and Muraki were slain.

### YOUNG DESPERADO CAPTURED.

Makes No Resistance and Says He's Sorry Higbee Officer Is Dead.

Mexico.—Mo. Fred Mikel the youthful desperado who killed Deputy Marshall Elmer Magruder and seriously wounded City Marshal Frank Cain in a sensational escape from the Higbee (Mo.) jail Dec. 18, was arrested here late Friday night and confessed to the killing and to holding up the night operator at the Chicago & Alton office at Centralia, Mo., Friday morning.

Mikel's arrest came as a result of his showing a bullet wound in his shoulder to a stranger while the two were in a store here. A clerk heard part of their conversation and notified the officers. Mikel did not resist arrest and expressed regret at Magruder's death.

### Hay and Wheat Depository Burns.

Baltimore.—Fire early a Saturday destroyed the immense hay and wheat depository of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad at Mont Clair shops, causing damage estimated at \$150,000. While No. 13 truck was being placed in position the big aerial fire fighting apparatus toppled over and a number of firemen narrowly escaped serious injury.

### Made Fortune in the Army.

Washington, D. C.—As an example of what an enlisted man of the army can save while on the active list, it is interesting to note that Post Quartermaster Sergeant Charles Harvey, U. S. A., December 14, 1908, drew from Col. George R. Smith, chief paymaster of the department of California \$13,000 the amount he has saved from his pay through the army deposit plan.

### Rival Suitors in Duel.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Michael Milanovich, seriously injured, is under arrest for the death of Rowell Fromich, who was stabbed during a duel with knives in a dark room. The two men were suitors for the hand of Julie, a 14-year-old girl. Fromich's brother attempted to interfere and was fatally stabbed. The girl was also injured by Milanovich.

### W. B. Morse Kills Mexican.

San Diego, Cal.—Friday afternoon E. L. Campbell owner of a big ranch in lower California, received a telegram stating that Wm. B. Morse, eldest son of Samuel F. B. Morse, inventor of the telegraph, had killed a Mexican at Trinidad, in Lower California, and that he is now confined in the jail.

### Chicago Broker Improving.

Trinidad, Colo.—W. H. Bartlett, the Chicago millionaire broker, who sustained a broken arm and other injuries by being thrown from a horse on a ranch forty miles southwest of here, was reported to be resting easy Friday night. The physicians in attendance state that no serious results are to be feared.

### Farmer Killed In Feud.

Memphis, Tenn.—Reark Jackson a farmer living near Finley, Tenn., was shot and instantly killed by M. C. Reasons, deputy sheriff, in a family feud which has lasted for years. A recent judgment for \$500 against Jackson in the circuit court is said to have provoked the shooting.

### 21 Days to Cross Ocean.

New York, N. Y.—It took the Hamburg-American steamer Pratoria 21 days to make her voyage from Hamburg to New York harbor lightship. The huge ocean greyhound arrived Friday, bringing with her a tale of cyclonic storms, gigantic waves and continuous winds.

### Judge's Life Threatened.

San Francisco.—Police Judge Chas. T. Conlan received a letter threatening him with death if he imposed a sentence of guilt upon Alex. Horr, a Hungarian, who was arrested on a charge of disturbing the peace.

### Taxicab Smashup Proves Fatal.

New York.—George C. Hurlburt, a librarian, died at the Presbyterian hospital as the result of a taxicab smashup in Central park. His daughter who was with him is dying.

## WHAT?



## HOW?



## BRIBERY IS CHARGED

PITTSBURG COUNCILMEN AND TWO BANKERS ARRESTED.

### THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING

Mayor Says Ring Which Grips City by Throat Must Be Suppressed.

Pittsburg, Pa.—A political earthquake is threatened in Allegheny county Tuesday as the result of the arrests of seven of Pittsburg's most prominent councilmen on charges of conspiracy, corrupt solicitation and bribery.

Involved in the conspiracy charges are W. W. Ramsey, former president, and A. A. Vilsack, former cashier of the German National bank. The bankers are charged with conspiring with the accused councilmen in the interest of the German National and other banks likely to be depositories by offering bribes to secure deposit of city money.

### ONE AMBASSADOR ARRIVES.

Von Bernstorff in New York, But Sultan's Representative Is Lost.

Washington, D. C.—One new ambassador has arrived in the United States, but another is lost on the way. Count John Heinrich von Bernstorff, German ambassador, with the countess and their daughter, reached New York by the Hamburg-American liner Amerika, but where, oh where, is Hussein Kiazim Bey, who started here from Constantinople and then dropped out of sight.

At the Turkish legation, in Columbia road, the whereabouts of the new representative of the sultan is apparently as great a mystery as it is to the outside world.

This is Ambassador von Bernstorff's first visit to America, while the countess, although born in New York, has not been in America before in 25 years.

### Identifies Train Robbers.

Portland, Oregon.—The engineer and fireman of the Oregon railway and Navigation company's train which was robbed near this city last Thursday night positively identified Monday Harry Benson and Oscar Johnson as two of the men implicated in that crime. Benson and Johnson, together with Chris Bons, were arrested here on Saturday for holding up a saloon.

### Rehearing Denied Mrs. Botkin.

San Francisco, Cal.—The petition of Mrs. Cordelia Botkin, now serving a life sentence for the murder of Mrs. J. P. Dunning of Wilmington, Del., by sending poisoned candy through the mails, for a rehearing of her previous petition for appeal, was defeated by the supreme court Tuesday.

### Lipton Will Not Try for Cup.

Glasgow, — Sir Thomas Lipton Tuesday declared his abandonment of the plan to challenge for the America's cup in 1909, and Designer Pife was ordered to burn the plans he had drawn for the challenging yacht. Sir Thomas could not come to an agreement with the New York Yacht club.

### Buildings Fall In Italy.

Messina, Italy.—Mild earthquake shocks have caused many buildings to fall in this city. Shocks Monday night were so severe as to frighten many of the residents of the city into the open country. The seismic observatory at Rome has signaled another earthquake at Reggio in Calabria.

### Appointed Meat Inspectors.

Washington.—Thomas Mulvey, Anderson Pickett and J. C. Eddy, all of Kansas City and Joseph L. Chamberlain of St. Joseph, Mo., have been appointed meat inspectors in connection with the bureau of animal industry.

### Pittsburg Woman Ends Life.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Mrs. Ida A. Law, 44 years old, wife of a business man, committed suicide by shooting herself through the head at her home here. According to Mr. Law his wife has been deranged for some time.

### SUSPECTED ROBBERS CAUGHT.

Men Had Attempted to Rob the Bank at Milan, Kan.

Wichita, Kas.—Two men believed to be members of the gang which attempted to rob the bank at Milan Thursday morning were captured at Clearwater, Kan., Thursday. A third man eluded Sheriff Holliday of Wellington. When the robbers were driven out of Milan they went north and separated. The two going to Clearwater were met by the city marshal who had been notified by telephone. The third robber entered a farm house about twenty miles southwest of this city and at a point of revolver compelled the women to get his breakfast. He deserted his horse and took to the railroad track. Burglar tools and fuses were found on the man arrested at Clearwater.

### Printers Get Present.

Norwood, Mass.—An 8-hour day for all employees in place of the present schedule of 54 hours a week, without a reduction in pay, was the Christmas eve announcement of the Norwood Press company, which includes J. S. Cushing and company, printers and electrotypers; Berwick & Smith, printers, and E. F. Leming & company, bookbinders. The action of the company will it is believe bring to an end the labor difficulties which have been a disturbing element in Norwood.

### Georgia Prohibitionists Win.

Atlanta, Ga.—State Prohibition won a victory in the United States circuit court here Thursday when Judge W. T. Newman dismissed a petition attacking the constitutionality of the prohibition law. Judge Newman held it was a matter for the state courts. The suit was a petition for injunction by the Christian Moerlein Brewing company of Cincinnati and the Chattanooga Brewing company, to enjoin Atlanta City officials from prosecuting alleged violations of the law.

### One Survives Wreck.

Newport, News, Va.—News of the loss off Hog Island, Wednesday of the three-masted schooner Jeanie Lippitt and the drowning of Capt. Robinson and five members of the ship's crew was brought here Thursday by Andrew Jorgensen, the sole survivor of the wreck, who was picked up at sea Wednesday by the American steamship Ravenscraig, Capt. Johnson.

### Earl of Granard Arrives.

New York, N. Y.—The Earl of Granard, whose engagement to Miss Beatrice Mills, daughter of Ogden Mills was announced a few days ago, was a passenger on the Steamer Adriatic which arrived Thursday night from Southampton, Cherbourg and Queenstown.

### New Postal Ruling.

Washington, D. C.—Postmasters will not, in the future on penalty of dismissal be allowed to solicit the mailing of matter at their offices by persons living or doing business within the delivery of another postoffice, according to an order issued by the postmaster general Thursday. The order further provides that fourth class postmasters are expected to claim credit for cancelling postage stamps on matter diverted from other offices to their offices for mailing.

### Gallows for Texas Slayer.

Dallas, Texas.—Bob Smith has been sentenced by Judge Nelms, to be hanged February 12, 1909, for the murder of A. W. Brown, whom he stabbed to death Christmas day, 1906.

### Dallas Furniture House Burns.

Dallas, Tex.—Furniture valued at \$40,000 was destroyed here when the warehouse of the Strickland Furniture company was burned. The furniture was insured for \$23,500. The building, valued at \$10,000, was also destroyed.

### Head of Duma Resigns.

St. Petersburg.—Nikolai A. Khomyakov, president of the Duma, resigned his office following an exciting session in which he was severely criticized.

## OUST OIL TRUST FROM MISSOURI

SUPREME COURT DECIDES ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S SUIT IN FAVOR OF STATE.

### \$150,000 IN FINES IMPOSED

Judges Unanimous in Decision, Though Judge Lamm Argued That Waters-Pierce Should Have Been Fined \$1,000,000.

### St. Louis, Mo.—The Standard Oil company of Indiana and the Republic Oil company of New York are forbidden ever to do business in the State of Missouri again, the charter of the Waters-Pierce Oil company, a Missouri corporation, is ordered dissolved, under a condition which will permit the company to be reorganized, and each of the three concerns is fined \$50,000, in a unanimous decision handed down by the state supreme court at Jefferson City Wednesday.

The decision is the result of a suit brought by Attorney General Hadley, now governor-elect; nearly three years ago. If the Waters-Pierce company shall file satisfactory proof with the court by Jan. 15, 1909, that it has severed all connections with the Standard Oil company, then the order of dissolution will be held in abeyance. Otherwise it will go into effect immediately. The fine of \$50,000, however, imposed upon this company, must be paid.

### Opinion Filed by Woodson.

The opinion was filed by Justice Woodson, and concurred in as to the result by the other six judges. Justices Lamm and Graves filed separate opinions, but each concurs in the result. Justice Lamm holds that the Standard Oil company should have been forced to pay a fine of \$1,000,000.

The Standard Oil company was doing business in this state as an Indiana corporation. It has real estate and personal property in Missouri to the value of about \$765,000. The Republic Oil company did not make any return to the secretary of state this year, the assumption being that it had ceased business in Missouri. The Waters-Pierce company's main offices are in St. Louis.

### Trust, Was Allegation.

Attorney General Hadley, in his suit, alleged the Standard Oil company controlled the other two companies, and that they were operating in violation of the anti-trust laws of Missouri. More than a year was spent in securing the testimony desired by the attorney general. It required an order of the appellate court in New York before the attorney general could get H. H. Rogers on the witness stand.

### NO QUITTING FOR HENEY.

Frisco Prosecutor in Washington, Invited to White House.

Washington, D. C.—"I still feel a little weak and my wife is nervous about me. But I am going back to finish the Calhoun case, even if they kill me. What's the difference whether one dies at the age of 49 or 69?" Thus spoke Francis J. Heney Thursday. The famous graft prosecutor of San Francisco, who was shot down in court during the trial of Abe Ruef on Nov. 13, by Morris Haas, is spending a brief vacation in the east. Heney and his wife arrived Wednesday night from Chicago and a messenger from the White House conveyed an invitation to them to call on the president Thursday. Although Heney disclaims he came to Washington to talk with the president on any particular subject, it is understood he will give Roosevelt some data on the utility of the secret service in running down criminals.

### Christmas Mail Bag Stolen.

Kansas City, Mo.—A mail pouch containing sixty pounds of registered Christmas packages consigned to eastern points was stolen from the baggage-room of the Twenty-second and Grand avenue depot of the Belt Line railroad. Although the postoffice authorities refuse to make any statement as to the contents of the pouch, it is believed to have contained much valuable merchandise. There was no money in it.

### Dies by Knife and Poison.

Robinson, Ill.—Jacob Jackson, a farmer of Oblong, near here, committed suicide by cutting his throat and also by poisoning. Several stitches were taken in the wound in his throat, and it was thought he would recover, but he died in about an hour. It is thought he swallowed horse medicine and that this may have killed him. No cause is known He leaves a family.

### Runs Amuck; Is Arrested.

Little Rock.—Dr. L. W. Copeland, who came to Little Rock from Jonesboro recently and purchased the Falstaff Cafe, caused a sensation by firing a revolver on the streets. He was arrested on the charge of carrying concealed weapons and intoxication.

### Oklahoma Policeman Kills Negro.

Tulsa, Okla.—E. S. Stevenson, a negro, was shot by Policeman Flannigan who fired in self defense. The negro attacked the officer with a butcher knife.

## REAL GRIEVANCE.



"Boo-hoo! Johnny Jones has got de measles, an' can't come out."  
"Ah! And you miss your dear little playmate?"  
"Yis-m, he's de only kid in the town dat I kin lick—boo-hoo-oo!"

### INTOLERABLE ITCHING.

Fearful Eczema All Over Baby's Face—Professional Treatment Failed.

### A Perfect Cure by Cuticura.

"When my little girl was six months old I noticed small red spots on her right cheek. They grew so large that I sent for the doctor but, instead of helping the eruption, his ointment seemed to make it worse. Then I went to a second doctor who said it was eczema. He also gave me an ointment which did not help either. The disease spread all over the face and the eyes began to swell. The itching grew intolerable and it was a terrible sight to see. I consulted doctors for months, but they were unable to cure the baby. I paid out from \$20 to \$30 without relief. One evening I began to use the Cuticura Remedies. The next morning the baby's face was all white instead of red. I continued until the eczema entirely disappeared. Mrs. P. E. Gumbin, Sheldon, Ia., July 13, '08."   
Foster Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

### Wise Kid.

My seven-year-old niece—writes a correspondent—is an up-to-date young woman. She has a passion for study, and thinks of little but her lessons. The other day I remonstrated with her.

"Lila," I said, "you are working too hard. Why do you do it?"

"Well, auntie," she answered, gravely, "I heard somebody say that the education of a child should begin with its grandmother. And I expect to be a grandmother, some day."

### Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

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The meteors which fall upon the earth in vast numbers every year add their weight to the earth. Thus the earth is increasing a minute quantity in weight each year, but not enough to be perceptible in thousands of years. Except for the escape of light gases from the atmosphere there is no known way in which the earth can lose weight.

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### Too Much for Mamma.

"What's the matter with your eye, Tommie?"  
"The boy next door struck me, mamma."  
"What for, pray?"  
"He said I struck him first."  
"And did you?"  
"No; honest, I didn't, mamma!"  
"Well, why didn't you?"

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"Dear Louise—I will come to your party if it don't rain" (then thinking that he might have to stay home in that case)—"and if it does."—The Delinquent.

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### A Perfect Gentleman.

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Softy—Why shouldn't I, old chap? He isn't in twade, and he doesn't work for a living.—Penny Pictorial.

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